

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on this line as follows:

Page 15, line 10:

When the incident light is inclined light, a phase difference develops corresponding to the inclination when the light entering the anisotropic light scattering element 1 passes through the birefringent layer 12. This phase difference can change polarization of the incident light, depending on the azimuth angle of the incident light. For example, when the azimuth angle of the incident light is  $45^\circ$ , the polarization direction and a slow axis in the birefringent layer 12 is will form an angle of  $45^\circ$ . Therefore for example, when the phase difference developed corresponding to the inclination of the incident light is  $1/2$  wavelength, incident light having an azimuth angle of  $45^\circ$  passes through the birefringent layer 12 so as to be converted to linearly polarized light orthogonal to the polarization direction of the incident light. That is, the converted incident light will have polarization direction parallel to the maximum scattering direction B of the anisotropic light scattering layer 11. As a result, the inclined light will be scattered strongly. When the converted incident light has an azimuth angle of  $0^\circ$  or  $90^\circ$ , the polarization direction of the incident light and the slow axis will be parallel or orthogonal to each other during the transmission of the light through the birefringent layer 12, and the polarized state will not change. As a result, inclined incident light entering in a direction parallel or perpendicular to the polarization will pass through without changing its polarization direction regardless of the inclination.